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## <u>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</u>

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Substitute Specification. 

XSmall Entity status:

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is hereby claimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.27, as [ ] an Independent Inventor, or [ ] a Small Business Concern, or [] a Non-Profit Organization.

The additional claim fees have been calculated as follows:

					SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	10	(-)	20	0	x\$9		x\$18	
INDEP.	. 5	(-)	4	1	x\$42	1	x\$84	
1 1 st PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+\$140		+\$280	
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The additional claim fees are being paid by:

- [X] A check in the amount of \$42.00.
- [X] Authorization to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 200275.0003) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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  - [X] Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17.
  - [X] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account.

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